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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** April 12, 2021

**To:** State Finance Director

**From:** Bob Phillips, Executive Director, GuideSafe™ Testing

**Re:** Testing for Alabama and GuideSafe™ Program Progress Report for March

During March, the GuideSafe™ Testing program continued to provide active sentinel testing services to participating colleges and universities in the state of Alabama. We modified some testing schedules to accommodate some schools' Spring Break activities. We've noted the national trends and flattening of case volumes (as opposed to the encouraging declines in February and March), as well as a certain level of testing fatigue among the students and faculty with whom we work. Beginning in March, we've initiated a gift card giveaway drawing for testing participants each week at our participating institutions, with the goal of optimizing test volumes so as to maintain robust virus tracking. Program to date through the end of March, we've processed over 165,000 total tests. During the 5 weeks that began in March, our program conducted over 18,500 tests of asymptomatic individuals, with a positive prevalence during of 0.17%.

As we enter April, our efforts are focused on plans around testing through the end of the Spring Semester at participating schools, along with necessary efforts to wrap the testing program up.